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## **MINUTES** **June 21, 2023**

The State Police Advisory Commission meeting was held in person and via the Microsoft Teams application and was opened at approximately 1:31 pm by Nancy Goss Sheahan, Chair. The following members were in attendance:

### Commission Members:

Present: Nancy Goss Sheahan, Chair; Glenn Boyde, Vice Chair; John Filipek, Shirley Jefferson, Mary Alice McKenzie

Others Attending: Commissioner Jennifer Morrison, Colonel Matthew T. Birmingham, Director, Vermont State Police, Lieutenant Robert McKenna, Director of Internal Affairs, Lieutenant Tara Thomas, Incoming Director of Internal Affairs

Chair entertains a motion to accept the April 26, 2023 minutes. So moved by John Filipek and seconded by Mary Alice McKenzie. All in favor, none opposed.

Floor was opened for public comment. Sharon Gardner was the only member of the public physically present, and Polly Neely was present via Teams. Ms. Gardner wanted to address the Pedestrian Law (Crossing except at crosswalks, Title 23 V.S.A. section 1052a). Commissioner Morrison was in receipt of Ms. Gardner's complaint prior to the meeting and has the matter referred to the Rutland Barracks for review. Ms. Gardner was escorted back to the lobby of VSP Headquarters by Lt. Thomas while the meeting resumed. Polly Neely provided historical information regarding alleged criminal conduct by her estranged fiancé William Hoyt and her concerns his behavior throughout the years was being covered up by members of the Vermont State Police and the cases that were investigated by the State Police were reportedly inadequately investigated. Commissioner Morrison asked the Internal Affairs Unit to conduct an Administrative Review of the investigations the State Police have investigated pertaining to Ms. Neely's complaints of William Hoyt's criminal behavior.

Chair entertains a motion to go into executive session to discuss records of the office of internal investigations. So moved by Shirley Jefferson and seconded by John Filipek. All in favor, none opposed.

**Closed session: 2:40 pm**  
**Open session: 3:35 pm**

The next meeting of the State Police Advisory Commission was set for August 23, 2023 at 1:30pm.

With no further business, a motion was entertained by Nancy Goss Sheahan for the meeting to be adjourned. So moved by Shirley Jefferson and seconded by Glenn Boyde. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Carr, Executive Assistant

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